

Protected Species Research and Management

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) FY 2011 budget request includes \$30.8 million for protected species research and management. This request supports work to provide accurate and timely information and analyses for the conservation of the Nation's living marine resources, and implement and monitor living marine resource conservation measures to recover protected species.

FY 2011 Program Highlights Protected Resources Research and Management Programs (\$43.8M)

Section 7 Consultations and Authorizations +\$3.0M: NMFS requests \$3.0M to increase its capacity to meet its interagency consultation and authorization workload for regional energy development, national defense-related activities, pelagic longline fishery operations, and operations of the Pacific Marine National Monuments. Funding will also support NMFS' effort to improve its on-time completion rate and reduce the backlog of consultation that have received no action.

Species Recovery Grants (\$20.8M)

Species Recovery Grants +\$9.6M: NMFS requests \$9.6M to increase its support for states and tribes to implement priority recovery actions for ESA listed species including restoring habitat; monitoring population trends; partnering with others to conduct trans boundary conservation actions; developing conservation plans to minimize incidental take from lawful activities; and, educating the public about the conservation of ESA listed species.

Atlantic Salmon (\$8.1M)

Atlantic Salmon -\$0.5M: NMFS requests a decrease of \$0.5M for Atlantic Salmon. The remaining funds will be used to continue implementing projects to address fish passage barriers, restore habitat, study the major threats to Atlantic Salmon, and conduct ESA consultations on Federal projects that might impact Atlantic Salmon survival.

Pacific Salmon (\$70.4M)

Pacific Salmon +\$2.7M: NMFS requests \$2.7M to monitor Pacific salmon reintroductions, evaluate the restoration effectiveness of Pacific salmon habitats, and expand NMFS genetic stock identification capability. Pacific salmon represents a significant biological, cultural, and economic asset to the United States, especially to the Pacific Northwest. There are both direct and indirect economic benefits tied to salmon. Studies and analyses have shown these benefits ranging from hundreds of millions to billions of dollars annually derived from salmon fisheries.

CALFED Bay-Delta Program +\$1.0M: NMFS requests \$1.0M to support its Water Operations Oversight and Coordination activities under the CALFED Bay Delta program. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort of 18 State and Federal agencies with regulatory and management responsibilities in the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin River Bay-Delta to develop a long-term plan to restore ecosystem health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system.

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (\$65.0M)

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) +\$15.0M: NMFS requests \$15.0M for PCSRF to continue to distribute competitive grants to states and tribes based on NMFS' mission goals and regional priorities for salmonid recovery. Grant funds will be used by partners to: implement priority actions to restore salmon and steelhead populations that are listed as threatened or endangered; maintain populations necessary for the exercise of tribal treaty fishing rights or native subsistence fishing; for the restoration and conservation of Pacific coastal salmon and steelhead habitat; and, monitoring the status and trend of Pacific salmon and their habitat or the effectiveness of restoration actions.